

CLEARANCE SALE, JUMBO STORE

Commences Thursday, February 1st. Lasts Six Days.

Indian Chieftain.

VINITA, IND. TER., FEB. 1, 1900

Railroad Time Tables

MISSOURI, KANSAS & TEXAS.
GOLDEN SOUTH.

No. 1, M. K. & T. Express. 10:15 a. m.
No. 2, General St. L. & T. Ex. 5:45 p. m.
No. 3, Flyer. 10:15 a. m.
No. 4, Flyer. 5:45 p. m.
No. 5, Freight and Accommodation. 1:45 p. m.

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No. 3, Mo. K. & T. Express. 10:15 a. m.
No. 1, Tex. St. L. & T. Ex. 5:45 p. m.
No. 4, Flyer. 10:15 a. m.
No. 5, Freight and Accommodation. 1:45 p. m.

ST. LOUIS & SAN FRANCISCO RAILWAY.

Train 307 west mail. 10:00 a. m.
Train 308 east mail. 5:30 p. m.
Train 309 west local. 11:45 a. m.
Train 310 east local. 11:45 a. m.

Judge Gill will hold court in Wagoner Saturday.

Several fine bird dogs have been poisoned lately.

Charley Dale, of Needlesha, spent Saturday in the city visiting friends.

W. F. Carier came up from Wagoner and visited with his family Sunday.

Rev. Poole will reopen the meetings at the North Methodist church to-night.

Ladies who take pride in beautiful clear white clothes, should use Red Cross Ball Blue.

A new building is being erected in the open space back of Zimmerman's blacksmith shop.

Miss Forest Killbrow, cashier at Badgett's, is sick absent from the effects of vaccination.

If you would have your clothes that delicate, clear white, so desirable, use Red Cross Ball Blue.

Ben Boy is in the city Monday for the first time since an illness of something like two months.

Seldon Blue, of Nevada, came in on the flyer yesterday and is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Crockett.

Judge Denison is at Galena, Kansas, where he, in connection with J. H. Akin, has established a law office.

P. G. Browning and his two daughters arrived yesterday from Seneca, P. G. keeps his weather eye on Vinita.

Mrs. J. E. Walters gave a dinner Sunday with all of her old boarders as guests. They report a pleasant time.

This office has received a number of the seed and flower annuals all of which are unusually attractive and artistic.

Jim Tittle's household goods are being moved to town. He will occupy the building directly east of Dr. Wimer's.

We are having a little taste of cold weather after all, but as it is fine instead of cloudy there is no just cause for complaint.

Shaw, national commander of the G. A. B., will be in Vinita on March 24th and remain one day. He is touring the states.

Governor T. M. Buffington returned from Washington this week. He was accompanied by Chief Porter, of the Creek nation.

John T. Gunter returned from a mile buying expedition to Tahlequah Monday, bringing with him thirty-two head of mules.

Henry Malengrew, box 523, Houston, Texas, is in search of Solomon M. Benfro, or if dead, his heirs. He came from Alabama.

If your stomach is disordered, howels irregular, and you don't feel well, you need Prickly Ash Bitters. Sold by Chapman & Briggs.

The water works and electric light people are figuring on drilling another well near the present one for the use of the company.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moberly, of Cleveland, Texas, arrived yesterday and will visit their relatives, the families of J. W. Byrd and Dr. Hill.

Dr. Fortner performed another operation on John Dige's neck Tuesday. This wound is giving a little more trouble than was expected.

D. S. Warren marketed a nice lot of apples Tuesday grown on his farm south of town. They were of the Ben Davis and Genet varieties.

The Coon Hunter's Club will meet at Raines' Livery barn Saturday night and a full attendance is requested as important business is to be transacted.

The water at the artesian well has become as clear as crystal since the drill stopped and is being used by a good portion of the population of the town.

Constipation leads to liver trouble, and torpid liver to Bright's disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a certain cure at any stage of the disorder. Sold by Chapman & Briggs.

The big clearance sales soon to open in this city will bring numbers of people to town. These sales are always a good time to purchase supplies of dry goods and clothing.

A fourteen foot pipe was placed in the artesian well Monday afternoon and the water ran over the top of it as freely as it runs out at the surface of the ground.

United States Clerk C. A. Davidson returned from Cleveland, O., Tuesday morning and went on to Muskogee on the Flyer. His family did not accompany him on account of sickness but will arrive in about two weeks.

Fred Martin in the Pest House.

Dr. E. O. Owen and J. D. Nelson returned to the smallpox detention camp on Grand river yesterday. Fred Martin was shut up in the pest house near Bolin's ferry Tuesday for crossing the quarantine line without permission.

G. A. R. Postponed.

Owing to the prevalence of smallpox throughout the Indian Territory the annual encampment of the department of the Indian Territory G. A. R. which was to have met at Ardmore Feb. 23d, will be postponed till the 28th of March.

In a Runaway.

Walter Bell was considerably hurt and bruised up in a runaway Monday night. The horse gave a sudden start and catching him between the wheels dragged him nearly two hundred yards. His ankle was sprained and he is suffering much pain from his injuries.

Married.

J. H. Witham and Miss Lillian Roselle, of Welch, were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at the Green hotel by Clerk Chandler. The young people were accompanied by a number of friends, the party driving down in buggies and returning this afternoon.

Artesian Well Finished.

The drill at the artesian well was stopped at noon Monday, having fulfilled the original contract. The well is perhaps a few little more than 800 feet deep. The flow of artesian water was reached at about 600 feet, and the stream has been materially increased since.

The Fortnightly Club.

Mrs. Coley entertained the Fortnightly club on Saturday evening and as is always the case when she is hostess, every one had a "beautiful" time and enjoyed the dainty refreshments served after whilst. The club had as guests Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Anderson, Miss Ashbrook and Mr. Rider.

From Old "Mizzoura."

Lewis and I. R. Rudasill, and Mr. Hanna, of Monroe county, Missouri, acquaintances of A. L. Gex, arrived a day or two ago and will occupy the George Mitchell place twelve miles north of town this winter. These gentlemen are all good farmers and stockmen and we welcome them to this section.

A Frightful Blunder.

Will often cause a horrible burn, cold, cut or bruise. Bucklin's Arnica salve, the best in the world, will kill the pain and promptly heal it. Cures old sores, fever sores, ulcers, boils, fells, corns, all skin eruptions. Best ointment on earth. Only 25c a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by People's drug store and A. W. Foreman.

A Successful Vinita Girl.

Blanch Hall Morrison, who with her husband is a member of one of Chas. Frohman's theatrical companies, will pass north on the Katy to-morrow morning at 11:15. The company has been playing at New Orleans, some of the larger Texas towns, Fort Smith, Ark., and is now en route north. A number of the lady's friends will meet her at the depot.

No Vacant Houses.

A great many Vinita people are loth to believe that the population of the town is less than it was a year ago, as shown by the assessor's books. Last January there were a few vacant business houses along the streets and some unoccupied dwellings. Now there are no vacant houses in town of either class, and new business houses are being built to supply the demand.

Opening of Crescent Hotel.

This popular hotel at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, will be opened to the public as an all year's resort March 1st, 1900. A great many improvements have been made for the comfort and convenience of guests and the best of service in every particular is assured. Grand opening ball March 2nd. For this occasion the Frisco will sell tickets at a very low rate. Further information cheerfully given by any Frisco agent or the undersigned, Bryan Snyder, G. P. A. St. Louis, Mo. R. F. Dunn, District Passenger Agent, Wichita, Kan.

Adair Notes.

Abe Jones is sick with pneumonia and is better.

John Archer and wife have returned from a visit to Galena.

J. H. Seay, of this place, died of pneumonia and was buried last Sunday.

W. C. Brook, who has been visiting his sons here, returned to Bloom last Friday.

A good meeting is in progress, conducted by Rev. J. H. Myers and Rev. Hickman.

Mr. Brown, who bought the W. J. Seaton stock, is packing the goods preparatory to moving.

Miss Willie Skinner stuck a nail in her foot a few days since, and suffered much pain in consequence.

Proclamation.

In view of the general prevalence of smallpox at Claremore, the board of health deem it urgently necessary that a strict quarantine be at once established against Claremore and no person will be allowed in Vinita from Claremore without a certificate from their board of health.

VINITA BOARD OF HEALTH.

Approved: C. Bailey Bell, Sec.

By virtue of the above recommendation of the board of health, it is hereby ordered that the incorporated town of Vinita be and the same is strictly quarantined against Claremore. All persons traveling from there or that vicinity are hereby forbidden to come or stop within the incorporated town of Vinita unless they have a certificate of health from the Claremore board of health.

W. H. Drew, Acting Mayor.

East Side Restaurant Sold.

W. J. Harrison has purchased the property along the track known as the East Side restaurant, from Mr. Hughes, who now has a position at Mr. Harrison's grocery.

U. S. COURT NEXT WEEK.

Civil Docket Will be Taken Up Monday.

Judge Gill will open court here again next Monday morning for the trial of civil cases. Trial by jury may be had by agreement and a local jury may be summoned. District Attorney Soper desired to try a number of criminal cases where parties are in jail awaiting a hearing, but the board of health deemed it unsafe to again attempt to hold the criminal court, and especially to bring prisoners from the Muskogee jail. There is a great diversity of opinion among the people as to the case at the jail, and as a great many were exposed and no one has since taken it, many are settling down to the opinion that the doctors were mistaken in their diagnosis. Be that as it may, the court will be guided by the judgment of the physicians, and as long as they think it dangerous there will be no court held at Vinita. Perhaps the term will be abandoned till December next.

FAT CATTLE SHIPPED.

A shipment of extra fine cattle went to St. Louis early Sunday morning. George Nidiffer had two loads of probably the fattest steers ever shipped from the Cherokee nation. They have been fed on meal at Woodley for four months and it is estimated have eaten the equivalent of 40 bushels of corn each. W. R. Badgett shipped three cars of his beef cattle—the tops of his pen of 200 head, with a half dozen which have never done well and had as well been shipped when put on feed. J. O. Hall had two cars of what he said was an average of his lot—and they were probably up to that. Sam Frazier had a car of hogs, a mixed lot in the same train. Mr. Nidiffer's cattle weighed 1143 and a half at \$4.80; Mr. Hall's weighed 1129 and brought \$4.60. Both were so well satisfied they will make a like shipment again soon. Of the Badgett steers, 47 weighed 1060 and brought \$4.50; 23 weighed 940 and went at \$4.10.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

Ladies of the Presbyterian Church Society met Tuesday.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the Presbyterian church met at the parsonage Tuesday afternoon and, notwithstanding the measure of sorrow and deep sympathy which pervaded owing to the very serious illness of its beloved treasurer, Miss Nettie Duncan, the meeting was an interesting one. Mrs. Ratcliff, the president, was detained at home by the illness of Miss Nettie and her own children, which was a disappointment mutually shared. The meeting, however, was ably presided over by Mrs. Oborn. Instructive and missionary incentive articles were read by Mrs. Halton and Mrs. Coppock. The mite boxes which were given out to members a year ago, were opened and appropriate notes of thanksgiving accompanied them. The amount contributed was \$22.

One may well say that the hope of the church for its financial support may safely be entrusted to earnest consecrated women, for they certainly know the value of the multiplication of small offerings. A missionary song was well rendered by six little girls.

HAS REACHEED MANILA.

Our Townsman Lieut. Cook Again Sees Active Service.

The gunboat Nashville, to which Lieut. Allen Cook is at present attached, reached Manila a few days since and one day last week was engaged in an assault on Sagapi and Albay, occupied by insurgents, during which its shells set fire to both towns. Parenthetically it may be stated that the Nashville fired the first shot in the Spanish-American war and the gun has just been given to Tennessee's capital city, for which it was named. Our townsman's former fighting service was on the flag-ship New York, at the battle of Santiago. His assignment to the Nashville was by telegraph, giving him but a few hours for preparation, and then he supposed the objective point was Cuba, instead of the other side of the world.

IN HONOR OF MRS. GILL.

Mrs. P. L. Soper's Reception Was a Social Success.

Mrs. P. L. Soper received in formally on Saturday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Joseph A. Gill. "Thimbles" were in evidence and the dainty lace and embroideries showed that higher education had not made the Vinita woman unhandy with her needle. The affair throughout was one of charming informality, calculated to put both entertainer and entertained thoroughly at ease, and Mrs. Gill earned all by her pleasantness and aplomb under the trying ordeal of meeting so many strangers. She and Mrs. Soper proved themselves "past masters" in the gentle art of entertaining, assisted as they were by their musical guests at the close of the reception. About twenty-five ladies were present.

Creek Royalty Collections.

"Creek taxes and royalties are being paid very promptly for this quarter," said Collector Cobb this morning. "We are having less trouble than previously, because whether right or wrong, the people have found out that a quiet acquiescence is the best thing under the circumstances. We anticipate no trouble in making the collection entire and with considerable less time than it took to make the first collection."—Muskogee Times.

For the Smallpox Sufferers.

A wagon will leave Raines' Livery barn about Friday or Saturday of this week with a load of provisions and clothing for the smallpox sufferers east of Grand river. Anyone having cast-off clothing to contribute can leave it at the livery stable and it will be taken over and distributed.

Killed By a Horse.

The eleven year old son of Logan J. Frogge, living on the Steve Hickey farm, three miles north of town, was thrown from a horse Saturday and so seriously hurt that he died from his injuries a short time afterwards.

To Coffeyville.

Blue Ellis has resigned his position as clerk at Cobb & McGlasson's and goes to Coffeyville where he has secured another place. Mr. Ellis has made a number of friends in Vinita who regret to see him leave.

For Sale—15 head of registered black jacks, 4 head of Hambletonian bred stable horses, 10 head of work well on one, and two years' time, good ones accepted same as cash in hand. On account of old age, am compelled to sell, and will offer great bargains to purchasers. Location seven miles south-east of Vinita. Call or address D. S. Warren, Vinita, L. T. 438-5-23.

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THE RIGHT THING AT THE RIGHT TIME.

Not Crumbs, But Whole Loaves of Comfort for the Ladies of Vinita and Vicinity.

What we have left in Capes and Jackets is at your disposal at greatly reduced prices. No house in Vinita can give you such extraordinary values. Take your choice of—

Any 3.00 or 3.50 jacket in the house at \$2.25.
Any 5.50, 6.00 or 6.50 jacket in the house at \$4.75.

You can have choice of any 9.00, 10.00, 11.50, or 12.50 jacket or cape in our house for \$7.50.

Flannel Skirt Pattern Bargains.

One lot of skirt lengths, all wool and good colors, sold for 50c, take your choice for 35c.

One lot skirt lengths, most all black, very heavy, sell for 1.25 everywhere. We will close this lot out at only 85c.

We have a few silk and wool shirtwaists left that we are going to close out regardless of cost. The silk waists are good patterns for this spring's wear. You will do well to see them and get prices before you make your purchases.

IN OUR CLEARING UP SALE

we offer some great values in Men's all wool underwear.

Shirts and drawers, the finest natural gray, best quality pearl buttons, at 75c each, or \$1.50 a suit.

Shirts and drawers, medium weight, extra fine quality, Derby ribbed, worth \$2.50 a suit, now \$1.50 a suit.

Men's extra heavy fleeced underwear 50c each.

Boy's extra heavy fleeced underwear 25c each.

Boy's wool underwear 50c each.

Men's Shoes:—75 pairs of odds and ends, all styles, sizes, toes and colors, \$4.50, 4.00, 3.50, 3.00 and a few 5.00 goods—take your choice for \$2.50.

Boy's Junior and Vestee Suits at actual cost.

Men's and Boy's Overcoats at prices unheard of.

Men's and Boy's Winter Suits at prices unheard of.

Reliable Seed Potatoes.

For fifteen years we have made a specialty of giving those who trade with us the best seed potatoes obtainable. We know where they grow. We know the most reliable shippers. Experience has taught us. The varieties we sell are true to name. We have to arrive this week all the kinds which have been found best for this section. You can buy our seed potatoes, as well as the garden and field seeds, with utmost confidence that there are none better. Our price for the best will be no higher than the prices of those who buy just any kind that is offered.

Ratcliff Merc'tle

COMPANY,

VINITA, IND. TER.

LOBBYISTS AND GRAFTERS

Bad Lot of Them Pretend to Represent the Territory.

Prominent men, lobbyists and grafters generally from Indian Territory and vicinity are in Washington in force working on matters of great importance to the people of the territory. All kinds of schemes are being devised mainly for the purpose of making fees. It is astonishing how sincere these fellows are in the advocacy of certain schemes and measures in which they are not interested, or have no remote connection, except in a pecuniary sense, having received a little fee from some of the big fellows interested. But they all tell the same story; how the people of the territory would be benefited by the enactment of some law which they have been paid to lobby through the house and senate. These grafters are to be found in every section of the city and they hail from Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Kansas and adjacent states. And it is surprising to see the thriving business they are doing. Poor, gullible creatures, in the territory, who have more money than common sense, employ these grafters who have no more influence than the motormen on the electric cars with the law makers, to further their claims. As a result little is accomplished for the territory at any session of congress.

But there are some men in Washington who stand well and who are able to accomplish results although they may not be of vital interest to the territory. Of this class Mr. Owens is probably the most conspicuous. He is here trying to secure the payment to the Cherokee Indians of the \$4,000,000 which it is claimed the government owes the tribe, and about which so much has been said in the territorial papers recently. Thus far he is meeting with no success and there seems to be no probability that later in the session things will change.

The townsie question is now before the interior department for consideration. Some of the most astute promoters of money-making schemes are now giving the subject their undivided attention and presenting their views at the interior department with more force than discretion. Among this list is Wiley O. Cox, of Kansas City.

Col. Cowert, of Texas, and many others. But there seems no probability that a decision will be reached soon. The secretary understands the reasons that prompt the majority of the advocates of the various schemes and is proceeding cautiously.

Governor Porter, of the Creek nation, and Chief Buffington, of the Cherokee nation, have returned home, the former carrying with him the Creek treaty for revision and the latter having reached an understanding that the Cherokee delegation to be sent to Washington will be given full power to make such changes and alterations in the Cherokee treaty as is demanded by congress—that is up on the assumption that President McKinley signs the bill appropriating money for the delegations. This he has not done, but it is understood that some arrangement has been made by which the expenses of the delegations will be paid out of the money in the treasury to the credit of the tribes.

The president has returned to the secretary of the interior the bills passed by the Cherokee and Creek councils authorizing the appointment of a representative at Washington to look after the interests of the two tribes. These were the positions Judge Springer was to have, but it is now doubtful whether he will be employed even if the president signs them, as it is understood that since Chief Buffington and Governor Porter arrived in the city they have discovered that the former judge of the Northern district is not as potential a factor here as they have been led to believe.—Washington correspondence Muskogee Times.

The smallpox episode has about closed. Twelve days has elapsed since the case in jail here was located and no one else has taken it, and the patient continues to devour bacon and beans with usual relish.

The esteemed Purcell Register falls into the error of stating that Judge Joseph A. Gill has selected Muskogee as his home. Judge Gill, for the present, at least, resides at Vinita.

The Kansas quarantine against Wagoner, Muskogee and South McAlester sure the Wagoner Record to invite a roast on Kansas that leaves a trail of blue smoke.

England should lose no time in building a bridge over the Tugela river that would afford rapid transportation for an army, for the special benefit of Gen. Buller.

GOVERNOR GOEBEL.

Contest Decided in his Favor Tuesday Night.

The contest boards of the legislature at Frankfort, Ky., decided Tuesday that Wm. Goebel was entitled to the seat of governor of the state, while he lay at the point of death from an assassin's bullet.

The boards having in charge the contests between Goebel and Taylor for governor, and Beckman and Marshall for lieutenant governor, met at 7 p. m. Tuesday night in the city hall to consider the evidence submitted to them, and prepare their report to the legislature. A few legal authorities were read to them, as the request of Senator Allen, who wished light shed upon a few doubtful points. The vote was then taken and by a strict party vote of 10 to 1, William Goebel was declared to have been legally elected governor of Kentucky.

The Beckham-Marshall contest was then voted upon and a strict party vote of 9 to 2 settled this matter.

Each one of the number of both committees announced that he had made up his mind as to the merits of the case, and voted promptly, as his name was called.

An effort was made by a number of the democrats to get together a quorum of both houses, hold a night session, receive the report of the two committees at once and adopt them and declare Goebel governor of Kentucky before morning. They were anxious to give him the honor before he died. So many legislators had gone to Lexington and Louisville that it was found impossible to carry out the programme. It is a